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1. Since the "UFCO" argument is still apparently one of the most effective enemy arguments, the Home Office wants you to insert some more remarks that the Liberation Movement is neither for the benefit of UFCO nor for any other foreign company but that the coming government will safeguard the rights of the workers and peasants against any money powers, whether foreign or domestic.

2. The Home Office also considers it necessary to play the labor angle in general more strongly. Emphasize therefore again in whatever context you may judge appropriate:

- (a) Measures of the Arbens regime were not really pro-labor, only made to win labor support and control of unions, while Arbens economic policy threatened to cause mass unemployment, intended making workers into state slaves, Soviet style
- (b) Liberation government will protect all justified interests of labor, guarantees free labor unions (i.e. free of coms control as well as of employers' domination), expand economy, create more and better jobs.

To support above, you may reiterate suitable portions from the Plan of Tegucigalpa and other previous Fausto statements.

3. Arbens allegedly offers bribes ( up to 10,000 Q per head) to Army officers who'll stick with him. This is (a) sign of his despair, (b) insult to officers' honor; (c) warn officers against accepting: even if Arbens should temporarily hold out, he will punish those who defended coms for money.

4. Warn all railroad train crews ( and if you have already done so, repeat it ) that Liberation Air Force must attack trains, most important transport means of Arbens regime. Make special appeal to engine drivers ( their number is limited, they cannot be easily replaced).

5. A regular army officer who defected in the Zacapa-Chiquimula area, described the condition of the regular army units in that area as one of complete disorganization and chaos. He saw many soldiers deserting and others trying to desert ( give at every opportunity practical advice

how to desert without being fired upon by Liberation Forces ). He had been on combat duty for six days and nights without being relieved. He was impressed by the fire power of the Liberation forces who kept his unit under intense machine gun and mortar fire, plus aerial attack. The only regular army unit maintaining good combat morale was, ironically enough, commanded by an officer who had graduated from West Point, USA. ( The foregoing para might lend itself to dramatization, if your time permits.)

6. Reports from Guatemala City confirm that the police is using the pretext of searching the houses of political suspects and of exiles to steal and loot as well as to destroy wantonly works of art as well as household goods ( A foretaste of what commie police will do to any defenseless citizen). Example: house of exiled deputy Arenas whose wife and children were granted asylum in a foreign embassy thereafter.

7. More and more members of the Arbenz cabinet, of his personal secretariat and other high-ranking government officials "inquire tentatively" at various foreign Embassies to obtain quickly asylum when needed ( Warn them to do it right away, today, or it will be too late ) .

8. According to radio Paris, price limits for vital goods have been established by the Guat Minister of Economy ( this has not yet been confirmed from inside Guat).

9. Guat diplomats at the UN, and elsewhere reported that an Air Raid had destroyed La Merced Church in the center of Guat City. Reliable eyewitnesses who visited the Church at 1700 hours, 26 June, did not see any visible external or internal damage. They were told by a church official that the Church had never been hit until that date, although planes had flown closely overhead. On the other hand, they saw policemen with rifles posted on a roof directly adjoining the Church.

10. The Government has issued an appeal to members of government parties and labor unions to guard telephone and telegraph lines and to help repair sabotaged lines. Tell this to all actual and would-be saboteurs, encouraging them to keep cutting wires, removing long sections to make repairs tougher. (You may also suggest to booby trap poles, transformers etc. -- not so much for real action, but to frighten "volunteer repairmen" away.)